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**GOVERNOR BARBOUR CITES COMPLETION OF
WAVELAND CIVIC CENTER**

***Project is First Under Disaster Recovery Community Revitalization
Program***

Jackson, Mississippi – Governor Haley Barbour today congratulated local officials in Waveland upon completion of the state's first disaster recovery project funded through the Mississippi's \$235 million Community Revitalization Program.

The Waveland Civic Center, located in the historic Waveland Elementary School, 335 Coleman Avenue, will reopen in a ceremony today.

"Mayor Tommy Longo and Waveland's entire leadership are to be commended for this successful effort," Governor Barbour said. "We all know how much of Waveland was totally destroyed by Katrina. Preserving one of Waveland's few remaining links to its past – and doing it in a way that promotes Waveland's identity and brings its citizens closer together – makes a great civic project. It's yet another success story for Mississippi's overall Katrina recovery."

Last fall, just four projects in the Community Revitalization Program were under construction. In March, Governor Barbour challenged local governments with CDBG approved recovery projects, and the governments' respective contracted grant administrators, to begin actual construction of all awarded Community revitalization initiatives by September.

Today, local communities have 28 projects under way, with 55 construction contracts issued and 79 federally required environmental reviews cleared.

The Mississippi Development Authority's Disaster Recovery Division, which administers the state's total \$5.4 billion CDBG sourced Disaster Recovery Package, granted almost \$2 million toward the Waveland Civic Center project, with another nearly \$1 million coming from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

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